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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EA-06 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

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P 151430Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 901

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, US

SUBJ: SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL BY

CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF:STATE 113030

1. CHARGE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MIN SECK EARLY MAY 15 TO INFORM GOS OF
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH USG ACTED TO RECOVER VESSEL
MAYAGUEZ AND TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF CREW.

FONMIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY BUT CHARGE
WAS RECEIVED AT 1030 LOCAL BY FON MINISTRY CABINET
DIRECTOR AMBASSADOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA.

2. CHARGE SUMMARIZED CONTENTS REFTEL AND LEFT
AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH INCLUDED PARAS 2 THROUGH 5
SAME TELEGRAM.CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT USG ACTION TAKEN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART 51 UN CHARTER AND LEFT
WITH CABINET DIR. COPY OF USINFO 150551.

2. AMB. SYLLA WELCOMED INFO COMMENTING THAT HE WAS
ALREADY AWARE OF PRACTICALLY ALL ELEMENTS EXCEPT HE HAD NOT
HEARD EARLIER THAT CREW HAD BEEN RESCUED. HE
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SAID HE WOULD DELIVER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SECK

INFO EMBASSY HAD PROVIDED.

3. GOVT DAILY LE SOLEIL MAY 14 AND 15
CARRIED OBJECTIVE AFP REPORTING ON US DIPLOMATIC
INITIATIVES WITH REGARD TO CAMBODIAN SEIZURE OF
US MAYAGUEZ, AND US MILITARY ACTION INCLUDING SINKING OF
THREE CAMBODIA PATROL BOATS GUARDING SEIZED SHIP.

PAPER APPARENTLY WENT TO PRESS BEFORE NEWS RECEIVED
THAT MARINES HAD LANDED IN KOH TANG AND THAT US
VESSEL RECOVERED AND CREW RESCUED. SENEGALESE RADIO
TODAY CARRIED NEWS OF SINKING OF THREE VESSELS IN
ADDITION TO GIVING FACTUAL ACCT OF LANDING
ON KOH TANG, FREEING OF MAYAGUEZ, AND RELEASE OF
AMERICAN PRISONERS. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL
COMMENT IN RADIO OR PRESS.

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